# February 2010 Vote History

Budget, Taxes and the Economy (48) - H J Res 45: Debt Limit Increase - Motion to Concur

February 04, 2010 - Division II of the Hoyer, D-Md., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the joint resolution that would increase the debt limit by \$1.9 trillion and add pay-as-you-go budget rules into law. The portion of the Senate amendment covered by the division would establish a statutory requirement that new tax and mandatory spending legislation be budget neutral, enforced by automatic across-the-board spending cuts in non-exempt programs if the pay-as-you-go tally at the end of the year shows a deficit. It would exempt measures to extend certain tax cuts scheduled to expire in 2010 and treat the alternative minimum tax exemption as though it had been extended beyond Dec. 31, 2009. It also would require the Government Accountability Office to investigate areas with duplicative goals and activities within the government. Motion agreed to 233-187. Vote: Nay

Business and Labor Domestic Issues(26) - HR 4495: Jim Kolbe Post Office - Passage

February 02, 2010 - Towns, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a post office in Patagonia, Ariz., as the "Jim Kolbe Post Office." Motion agreed to 390-0. Vote: Yea

(27) - H Res 957: Tribute to Jimmie Johnson - Adoption

February 02, 2010 - Towns, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the achievements of Jimmie Kenneth Johnson, the 2009 NASCAR Sprint Cup champion, and his driving team. Motion agreed to 391-1. Vote: Yea

(28) - H Res 1014: North American Inclusion Month - Adoption

February 02, 2010 - Towns, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize and support the goals of North American Inclusion Month. Motion agreed to 389-0. Vote: Yea

(47) - HR 4532: Social Security Attorney Fees - Passage

February 04, 2010 - Tanner, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would make permanent a Social Security Administration program that allows the use of a portion of awarded past-due benefits to pay representatives of plaintiffs claiming Social Security or Supplemental Security Income benefits. It also would allow the Social Security Administration to charge fees to cover the cost of vetting non-attorney representatives. Motion agreed to 412-6. Vote: Yea

(49) - HR 4425: Marty Mahar Post Office - Passage

February 22, 2010 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a post office in North Troy, N.Y., as the "Martin G. 'Marty' Mahar Post Office." Motion agreed to 330-0. Vote: Yea

#### (50) - HR 4238: W.D. Farr Post Office - Passage

February 22, 2010 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a post office in Greeley, Colo., as the "W.D. Farr Post Office Building." Motion agreed to 331-0. Vote: Yea

## (55) - H Res 1046: Black History Month - Adoption

February 23, 2010 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the significance of Black History Month and the contributions of African-Americans in American history. Motion agreed to 402-0. Vote: Yea

## (56) - HR 2314: Native Hawaiian Sovereignty - Hawaii Voter Approval

February 23, 2010 - Hastings, R-Wash., amendment to the Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, substitute amendment. The Hastings amendment would require Hawaii voters to approve Native Hawaiian governing entity documents before federal recognition is given. The substitute would formally recognize Native Hawaiians as a distinct indigenous group and outline a process for establishing a Native Hawaiian governing entity. Rejected 163-241. Vote: Yea

#### (57) - HR 2314: Native Hawaiian Sovereignty - Equal Protection Clause

February 23, 2010 - Flake, R-Ariz., amendment to the Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, substitute amendment. The Flake amendment would clarify that nothing in the bill could be interpreted to exempt a new Native Hawaiian governing authority from complying with the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The substitute would formally recognize Native Hawaiians as a distinct indigenous group and outline a process for establishing a Native Hawaiian governing entity. Rejected 177-233. Vote: Yea

#### (58) - HR 2314: Native Hawaiian Sovereignty - Substitute

February 23, 2010 - Abercrombie, D-Hawaii, substitute amendment that would formally recognize Native Hawaiians as a distinct indigenous group and outline a process for establishing a Native Hawaiian governing entity. It would clarify that the United States would not take land into trust. It would also clarify that the government entity would not receive U.S. government land transfers, would not be immune to state or federal lawsuits, and would not preempt federal or state jurisdiction over individual Native Hawaiians or their property. Adopted 245-164. Vote: Nay

## (59) - HR 2314: Native Hawaiian Sovereignty - Passage

February 23, 2010 - Passage of the bill that would formally recognize Native Hawaiians as a distinct indigenous group and outline a process for establishing a Native Hawaiian governing entity that would enter into negotiations with state and federal governments. Federal recognition would be extended to the governing body after the Interior Department certified documents and the election of governing officers. The bill would prohibit the native government from conducting gaming activities and would stipulate that American Indian trade law would not apply to lands or land transfers in Hawaii. The measure would provide the native government with sovereign immunity while acting in official capacities. The governing entity would be subject to state taxation and regulation when conducting commercial or business activities. Passed 245-164. Vote: Nay

(65) - H Res 1085: National African-American History Month - Adoption

February 24, 2010 - Brown, D-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals of National African-American History Month and honor African-American contributions to transportation and infrastructure. Motion agreed to 419-0. Vote: Yea

(68) - H Con Res 227: National Urban Crimes Awareness Week - Adoption

February 25, 2010 - Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would support the goals and ideals of National Urban Crimes Awareness Week.

Motion agreed to 411-0. Vote: Yea

Education (31) - H Res 1043: Tribute to Brescia University - Adoption

February 03, 2010 - Fudge, D-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize Brescia University's 60th anniversary as an institution of higher education and commend the university for service to the community of Owensboro, Ky. Motion agreed to 418-0. Vote: Yea

(32) - H Res 901: Anniversary of New Orleans School Integration - Adoption

February 03, 2010 - Fudge, D-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the 49th anniversary of the first day of integrated schools in New Orleans.

Motion agreed to 416-0. Vote: Yea

Foreign Affairs and Immigration (52) - H Res 1066: Tribute to Haiti Earthquake Responders - Adoption

February 23, 2010 - Skelton, D-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the U.S. armed forces, local first responders and other members of Operation Unified Response for their efforts to help the Haitian people and with the evacuation of U.S. citizens affected by the earthquake in Haiti. Motion agreed to 406-0. Vote: Yea

(53) - H Res 1059: Tribute to Rescue Workers in Haiti - Adoption

February 23, 2010 - McMahon, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize the United States Agency for International Development and the U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance Office-supported urban search-and-rescue teams and congratulate rescue workers for lives saved after the earthquake in Haiti. Motion agreed to 406-0. Vote: Yea

## (33) - H Res 1044: Anniversary of Auschwitz Liberation - Adoption

February 03, 2010 - Klein, D-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would commemorate the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. It also would honor the victims of Auschwitz and other Nazi concentration and extermination camps. Motion agreed to 414-0. Vote: Yea

## (61) - H Res 1074: Tribute to Miep Gies - Adoption

February 24, 2010 - McMahon, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would recognize Miep Gies' effort to hide and provide for the Frank family in Nazi-occupied Holland and commend her for preserving the diary of Anne Frank. Motion agreed to 421-0. Vote: Yea

Health Care(54) - H Res 1039: American Heart Month - Adoption

February 23, 2010 - Lynch, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would support the goals of American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day. Motion agreed to 408-0. Vote: Yea

## (63) - HR 4626: Health Insurer Antitrust Exemption Repeal - Recommit

February 24, 2010 - Smith, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee with instructions that it be immediately reported back with an amendment that would allow health insurers to collect and distribute data on claims paid, and require a Government Accountability Office report on the impact of the legislation. Motion rejected 170-249. Vote: Yea

#### (64) - HR 4626: Health Insurer Antitrust Exemption Repeal - Passage

February 24, 2010 - Passage of the bill that would repeal health insurers' exemption from federal antitrust laws. It also would prohibit insurers from sharing data on claims paid. Passed 406-19. Vote: Yea

Transportation and Homeland Security(67) - HR 3961: Patriot Act Extensions - Motion to Concur

February 25, 2010 - Conyers, D-Mich., motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the bill that would extend until Feb. 28, 2011, three provisions of the anti-terrorism law known as the Patriot Act. The provisions allow the government to request access to "any tangible things" it says is related to a terrorism investigation, to seek court orders for "roving" wiretaps on suspects who use multiple devices or modes of communication, and to allow federal law enforcement officials to seek warrants to conduct surveillance of "lone wolf" foreign terrorist suspects who may not be connected to a larger terrorist group. Motion agreed to 315-97. Vote: Yea

#### (69) - HR 2701: Fiscal 2010 Intelligence Authorization - Manager's Amendment

February 26, 2010 - Reyes, D-Texas, manager's amendment that would allow the executive branch to limit congressional intelligence committees' access to sensitive intelligence if the administration submits certification that the action meets "extraordinary circumstances affecting vital interests of the United States." It also would make technical changes, including allowing congressional committees to request Government Accountability Office reports on intelligence issues and requiring the FBI director to consult with secretary of State to review extraterritorial jurisdiction in U.S. law. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 246-166. Vote: Nay

## (70) - HR 2701: Fiscal 2010 Intelligence Authorization - National Intelligence Diversity

February 26, 2010 - Hastings, D-Fla., amendment that would require the director of national intelligence to submit a report on plans to increase diversity in the intelligence community.

Adopted in Committee of the Whole 401-11. Vote: Yea

#### (71) - HR 2701: Fiscal 2010 Intelligence Authorization - Report on Attempted Dec. 25 Airline Attack

February 26, 2010 - Schauer, D-Mich., amendment that would require the director of national intelligence to submit a report to Congress on the attempted terrorist attack on Northwest Flight 253 and intelligence community efforts to prevent failures to share information. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 410-1. Vote: Yea

## (72) - HR 2701: Fiscal 2010 Intelligence Authorization - Recommit

February 26, 2010 - Hoekstra, R-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence with instructions that it be immediately reported back with an amendment that would require the CIA inspector general to investigate any members' objection to covert action and the corresponding CIA response, and direct the CIA director to release unclassified memos on congressional briefings about interrogations involving torture. It also would require the national intelligence director to coordinate the interrogation of high-value detainees and approve the reading of Miranda rights to these detainees.

Motion rejected 186-217: R 158-0; D 28-217; I 0-0. Vote: Yea

## (73) - HR 2701: Fiscal 2010 Intelligence Authorization - Passage

February 26, 2010 - Passage of the bill that would authorize classified amounts in fiscal 2010 for classified amounts for 16 intelligence agencies, including the Director of National Intelligence, the CIA, the National Security Agency, and for intelligence activities of the Defense Department, the FBI, the Homeland Security Department and other agencies. It would allow the transfer of Guantanamo Bay detainees to the United States, but would delay transfer for 120 days after the president submits a plan to the congressional defense committees. As amended, it would allow the executive branch to limit congressional intelligence committees' access to sensitive intelligence if the administration submits certification that the action meets "extraordinary circumstances affecting vital interests of the United States." Passed 235-168. Vote: Nay

February 03, 2010 - Hastings, D-Fla., amendment that would require the cybersecurity workforce assessment to describe how programs are engaging minority communities. It also would include minority-serving institutions in the Cybersecurity University-Industry Task Force. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 417-5. Vote: Yea

(35) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Earmark Ban

February 03, 2010 - Flake, R-Ariz., amendment that would prohibit the earmarking of funds authorized for grants in the bill. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 396-31. Vote: Yea

(36) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Grant Collaboration

February 03, 2010 - Dahlkemper, D-Pa., amendment that would allow for collaboration between community colleges, universities and Manufacturing Extension Partnership Centers for the Computer and Network Security Capacity Building Grants. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 419-3. Vote: Yea

(37) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Education and Training Programs

February 03, 2010 - Cuellar, D-Texas, amendment that would require the cybersecurity strategic research and development plan to determine how all levels of cybersecurity education and training programs can be improved. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 416-4. Vote: Yea

(38) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Youth Education

February 03, 2010 - Connolly, D-Va., amendment that would clarify that cybersecurity education include children and young adults. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 417-4. Vote: Yea

(39) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Veteran Status

February 04, 2010 - Halvorson, D-III., amendment that would require that veteran status be considered as one of the criteria for selection for the Federal Cyber Scholarship for Service Program. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 424-0. Vote: Yea

(40) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Student Recruitment

February 04, 2010 - Kilroy, D-Ohio, amendment that would require the Federal Cyber Scholarship for Service program to support outreach activities to recruit students in secondary schools and two-year institutions into cybersecurity-related fields. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 419-4: R 165-4; D 254-0; I 0-0. Vote: Yea

## (41) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Secure Software Design

February 04, 2010 - Kissell, D-N.C., amendment that would require the Computer and Network Security Capacity Building Grants mission statement to reiterate the importance of teaching about secure software design. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 423-6. Vote: Yea

## (42) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Sensitive Information

February 04, 2010 - Owens, D-N.Y., amendment that would require the Cybersecurity Strategic Research and Development plan to address technologies to secure sensitive information shared among federal agencies. Adopted in Committee of the Whole 430-0. Vote: Yea

## (43) - HR 4061: Cybersecurity Programs - Passage

February 04, 2010 - Passage of the bill that would reauthorize and expand cybersecurity research programs at the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Standards and Technology. It also would establish a cybersecurity scholarship program, require certain agencies to develop a strategic cybersecurity research plan and establish a university-industry task force to explore public-private research partnerships. It would authorize \$109 million for scholarships and \$395 million for research through fiscal 2014. Passed 422-5. Vote: Yea

War on Terror, Armed Forces and Veterans(44) - H Res 1022: Tribute to Medgar Evers - Adoption

February 04, 2010 - Johnson, D-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would honor the life and sacrifice of civil rights leader Medgar Evers and congratulate the Navy for naming a naval supply ship after Evers. Motion agreed to 426-0. Vote: Yea

## (62) - H Res 944: Iraqi Religious and Ethnic Minorities - Adoption

February 24, 2010 - McMahon, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution that would state the House's concern for Iraqi religious and ethnic minorities and urge the Iraqi government to ensure that the upcoming national elections in Iraq are safe and fair so that all citizens can participate. Motion agreed to 415-3. Vote: Yea

## (74) - H Con Res 238: Recognition of Black Veterans - Adoption

February 26, 2010 - Filner, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and adopt the concurrent resolution that would recognize the sacrifices of black veterans and the difficulties they faced at home after serving in the military. Motion agreed to 383-0. Vote: Yea